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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Cost is the chief factor that has to be taken into consideration ?"

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether there is no other deciding factor ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I say, cost is the principal consideration."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" What are the other considerations ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I do not think there are very many other considerations."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know whether there are any other considerations at all ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It has been answered."

Increase in the number of Deputy Directors of Public Instruction.

*1490 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal before the Government to increase the number of Deputy Directors of Public Instruction ; and

(b) if so, the reason and the necessity for the same ?

A.—(a) Yes. A proposal for the appointment of one additional Deputy Director is under consideration.

(b) The need for the appointment of an officer whose whole time and attention could be devoted to the examination and supervision of schemes for the improvement and expansion of primary, rural and adult education has been felt keenly. The proposed Deputy Director will undertake this work.

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" Do not Government think it advisable to distribute the work among the present four or five officers ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN: —" I am afraid the hon. member is wrong. There are at present only two deputy directors, and it is proposed to appoint one more."

Grants for Annamalai and Andhra Universities, 1929–30.

*1490-A Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the amount provided for the Annamalai University in the Budget for 1929–30 ;

(i) for endowment fund ;

(ii) for current recurring expenditure ;

(b) whether any amount will be provided for the Andhra University in the Budget for 1929–30 ; and

(c) if so, what amount and under which heads ?

A.—(a) (i) The sum of Rs. 27 lakhs due from Provincial funds to the Permanent Endowment Fund of the Annamalai University under section 41 (ii) (b) of the Annamalai University Act has been paid to His Excellency the Chancellor of the University

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on behalf of the University. The amount is now in the custody of the Accountant General, as a Trust Deposit. No provision has, therefore, been made for the purpose in the Budget estimate for 1929-30.

(ii) Rs. 1,50,000.

(b) & (c) A sum of Rs. 1,22,500 has been provided for grants to the Andhra University towards establishment charges, travelling allowances, etc.

As a result of the recent legislative proceedings, Government hope shortly to announce their conclusions as to their financial relations with the Andhra University.

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" With respect to the answer to clauses (b) and (c), may I ask the hon. the Minister for Education whether Government intend to make any provision for the Andhra University in the budget for the next year, besides the grant of a lakh and odd of rupees made towards establishment, etc. ?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"If my hon. Friend waits till the hon. the Finance Member has delivered his budget speech . . . ."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" I am asking the hon. the Education Minister whether he can give us the information asked for. Sir, with reference to clauses (b) & (c) of this question he has given us the reply. 'As a result of the recent legislative proceedings, Government hope shortly to announce their conclusion as to their financial relations with the Andhra University'. I now ask him, Sir, whether he has come to any conclusion as regards the contribution, i.e., whether Government propose to make any contribution to the Andhra University besides the lakh and odd of rupees granted towards establishment charges, etc. ?"

11-15 a.m. The hon. the President :—" The hon. Minister is quite in order in referring to the budget statement to be made immediately after the close of the questions"

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know why the Government have not made any provision for starting an agricultural, technological or commercial college? These do not depend upon the question of the headquarters or centres, because the section in the Act does not refer to them but refers only to University colleges."

The hon. the President :—" I do not see wherein the question of agricultural or other colleges comes in with regard to this."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" Because it relates to the question of the Andhra University generally."

The hon. the President :—" The question does not arise."

Local Boards

Completion of the bridge over the Nizampatam canal at Pedapudi, Guntur district.

* 1491 Q.—Mr. P. Anjaneyulu : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) when the proposed bridge on the Nizampatam canal at Pedapudi in Guntur district is likely to be executed;

(b) the causes for the delay ; and

(c) at what stage the matter stands ?